

CGEP Annual Conference
June 2, 2005
Virginia Commonwealth University
Richmond, Virginia

Photos from the meeting:

The 2005 CGEP Annual Conference was held in Richmond, Virginia, on June 2, 2005, on the campus of Virginia Commonwealth University. It was hosted by the CGEP Director at VCU, Dr. Thomas Overby, and by his assistant, Ann Yates. The meeting started at 10:00 a.m. with a welcome and remarks by Dr. Robert Mattauch, Dean of the VCU School of Engineering.

The CGEP State Chair, Dr. James F. Groves, opened the business meeting and announced that his two main objectives for his first year as State Chair are nearing completion. The revised state-wide CGEP web site will be launched by mid-June. The address will be: <http://cgep.virginia.gov>. This site contains a searchable database by which present and potential students can determine which courses are available to them through the program, which semester they're taught, course and instructor information, and sites where available. The information for the database is to be entered by the program administrators at the participating universities. There are other new features planned for the web site, such as an Announcement list and automatic student notification of class cancellations, etc.

The second goal was the Nanotechnology Initiative - a program whereby the CGEP universities would jointly offer Nanotechnology certificates by sharing in course offerings. The initial State funding request was not approved this year, but there are proposals in the works for NSF funding. Plans are to pursue State funding again next year. Through the contribution of some funding by VMEC, there will be two Nanoelectronics courses taught in the Fall - one from UVA and one from VaTech.

The balance of the meeting time after lunch was spent on administration matters pertaining to the Nanotechnology program. After some initial general discussion, we were split up into four groups for brainstorming sessions. Many interesting and important concerns came from these sessions, and will prove invaluable in completing the development of this new certificate program.



Dr. Robert Mattauch, Dean of VCU School of Engineering



John Payne, UVA; James Groves, UVA



Andy Humphrey, NSW-C Dahlgren; Chris Trader, NSW-C Dahlgren; Angie Wilkins, UVA Richmond; Kathleen Marks, UVA Richmond



**Tom Williams, Honeywell; Tom Overby, VCU;
Chris Zubof, NSWC-Dahlgren; Andy Humphrey,
NSWC-Dahlgren**



**Rita Kostoff, UVA; Cheryl Peed, VaTech; Christina
Baity, VaTech; Charlotte Anders; VT Hampton
Roads**



Liz Ward, VCES; Rita Aguillard, VCES



Ann Yates, VCU; Rita Kostoff, UVA

**Not pictured, but attending the meeting:
Jack Gwinn, Lynchburg**